

# Exact solution and thermodynamics of a spin chain with long-range elliptic interactions

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**Abstract.** We solve in closed form the simplest ( $\text{su}(1|1)$ ) supersymmetric version of Inozemtsev's elliptic spin chain, as well as its infinite (hyperbolic) counterpart. The solution relies on the equivalence of these models to a system of free spinless fermions, and on the exact computation of the Fourier transform of the resulting elliptic hopping amplitude. We also compute the thermodynamic functions of the finite (elliptic) chain and their low temperature limit, and show that the energy levels become normally distributed in the thermodynamic limit. Our results indicate that at low temperatures the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  elliptic chain behaves as a critical  $XX$  model, and deviates in an essential way from the Haldane-Shastry chain.

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## 1. Introduction

The spin chain introduced independently by Haldane and Shastry in 1988 is one of the most widely studied integrable lattice models with long-ranged interactions [1, 2]. This chain describes  $N$  equidistant spins on a circle, with two-body interactions inversely proportional to the square of the distance measured along the chord. The Hamiltonian of the Haldane–Shastry (HS) chain can be written as

$$H = \frac{J\pi^2}{N^2} \sum_{i < j} \sin^{-2}\left(\frac{\pi}{N}(i - j)\right) (1 - S_{ij}), \quad (1.1)$$

where  $S_{ij}$  is the operator permuting the  $i$ -th and  $j$ -th spins, and the indices in the double sum range from 1 to  $N$ . If the Hilbert space of each spin is  $m$ -dimensional, the operator  $S_{ij}$  can be easily expressed in terms of the  $\mathfrak{su}(m)$  spin operators of the  $i$ -th and  $j$ -th spins [3]. In particular, for spin  $1/2$  ( $m = 2$ ) we have

$$S_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} (1 + \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j),$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}_k \equiv (\sigma_k^x, \sigma_k^y, \sigma_k^z)$  denotes the three Pauli matrices acting on the  $k$ -th spin. In fact, there is also a natural  $\mathfrak{su}(m|n)$  supersymmetric version of the HS chain, which has been extensively studied in the literature [4–6].

The HS chain possesses remarkable physical and mathematical properties. Indeed, it is intimately related to the one-dimensional Hubbard model with long-range hopping, from which it is obtained in the limit of infinite on-site interaction at half filling [7]. It has also been proposed as the simplest model providing an explicit realization of fractional statistics and anyons in one dimension [8–11]. As to its mathematical properties, the HS chain is completely integrable [12], can be solved via an asymptotic Bethe ansatz [13–15], is one of the few models invariant under the Yangian group for a finite number of sites [11], and its partition function can be evaluated in closed form [16] via Polychronakos’s “freezing trick” [17].

In fact, the HS chain (1.1) is essentially a limiting case of a more general model due to Inozemtsev [18], whose Hamiltonian we shall take as

$$H = J \sum_{i < j} \wp_N(i - j)(1 - S_{ij}). \quad (1.2)$$

Here

$$\wp_N(x) \equiv \wp\left(x; \frac{N}{2}, \frac{i\alpha}{2}\right)$$

denotes the Weierstrass elliptic function [19] with periods  $N$  and  $i\alpha$ , with  $\alpha > 0$ . Indeed, since

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} \wp_N(x) = \frac{\pi^2}{N^2} \left( \sin^{-2}\left(\frac{\pi x}{N}\right) - \frac{1}{3} \right) \quad (1.3)$$

(see Appendix A), the  $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$  limit of the Hamiltonian (1.2) differs from (1.1) by a constant multiple of the operator  $\sum_{i < j} (1 - S_{ij})$ , which trivially commutes with the HS

chain Hamiltonian. More surprising is the fact that when  $\alpha \rightarrow 0$  the Inozemtsev chain is related to the Heisenberg chain

$$H = J \sum_{i=1}^N (1 - S_{i,i+1}), \quad S_{N,N+1} \equiv S_{1N} \quad (1.4)$$

(cf. [18]). More precisely, if  $1 \leq x \leq N-1$  we have

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} e^{2\pi/\alpha} \left( \frac{\alpha^2}{4\pi^2} \wp_N(x) - \frac{1}{12} \right) = \delta_{1,x} + \delta_{N-1,x} \quad (1.5)$$

(see again Appendix A).

Interestingly, in the last decade the Inozemtsev chain has also received considerable attention in the context of the AdS/CFT correspondence [20–23]. This unexpected connection stems from the work of Minahan and Zarembo [24], who showed that at one loop the (planar) spectrum of the dilation operator of  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  super Yang–Mills gauge theory can be generated by a suitable integrable spin chain with nearest-neighbor interactions. In order to generalize the latter result to more than one loop, it becomes necessary to consider integrable spin chains with long-range interactions. Moreover, any such chain describing  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  Berenstein–Maldacena–Nastase theory non-perturbatively should contain an additional parameter related to the Yang–Mills coupling constant. As first noted by Serban and Staudacher [25], the Inozemtsev chain (1.2) is one of the simplest models fulfilling the last two requirements. Since this chain is also generally believed to be integrable, it has been extensively studied as a candidate for generating the planar spectrum of the dilation operator at several loops [26]. It should be noted, however, that a complete rigorous proof of the integrability of the Inozemtsev chain has not yet been found, in spite of several promising partial results in this direction [18, 27]. In any case, the energy spectrum of this chain is not explicitly known beyond the two-magnon sector.

In this paper we introduce an  $\text{su}(1|1)$  elliptic chain, which is in fact the simplest supersymmetric version of the Inozemtsev model (1.2). We show that, rather unexpectedly, this chain is completely integrable and its whole spectrum can be computed in closed form. Our proof is based on two key ideas. In the first place, we exploit the well-known fact that the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  permutation operators can be expressed in terms of annihilation and creation operators of a single species of spinless fermions. This implies that the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  elliptic chain is equivalent to a model of hopping free fermions, which smoothly interpolates between the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  HS chain and the standard  $XX$  model (at a critical value of the magnetic field). The second ingredient in our proof is the explicit computation of the dispersion relation of the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  elliptic chain using standard techniques in analytic function theory [18, 27, 28].

From the explicit knowledge of the dispersion relation, we have been able to study several properties of the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  elliptic chain in the thermodynamic limit. In the first place, we have analyzed the low momentum behavior of the dispersion relation, showing that the energy is quadratic in the momentum near  $p = 0$  for all finite values of the chain’s parameter  $\alpha$ . Thus, at low energies the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  elliptic chain behaves as a

critical  $XX$  model, and in particular its low energy excitations cannot be described by an effective two-dimensional conformal field theory. By contrast, it is well known that the dispersion relation of the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  HS chain is linear near the origin, and at low energies its spectrum coincides with that of a conformal field theory of  $m$  noninteracting Dirac fermions with only positive energies [29]. We have next computed the chain's thermodynamic functions in closed form, and determined their low temperature limit. Our analysis shows that at low temperatures the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  elliptic chain behaves essentially as a critical  $XX$  model, and markedly differs from both the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  and  $\text{su}(2)$  HS chains. We have also studied the asymptotic behavior of the level density as the number of sites tends to infinity, proving that it approaches a Gaussian distribution with parameters equal to the mean and the standard deviation of the spectrum, as is typically the case for spin chains of HS type [6, 30–32]. Finally, we have introduced the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  supersymmetric analog of Inozemtsev's infinite (hyperbolic) chain, showing that its dispersion relation is proportional to the thermodynamic limit of the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  elliptic chain's dispersion relation.

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2 we introduce the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  elliptic chain and, as explained above, solve it by transforming it into a system of hopping fermions whose dispersion relation we compute in closed form. Section 3 is devoted to the derivation of the chain's thermodynamic functions and the analysis of the asymptotic behavior of its level density. Section 4 deals with the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  version of Inozemtsev's infinite hyperbolic chain and its complete solution. In Section 5 we summarize the paper's main results, and point out several future developments suggested by our work. The paper ends with two technical appendices on the computation of several limits involving elliptic Weierstrass functions, and on the proof of the properties of quasi-periodic functions needed for the evaluation of the dispersion relation of the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  elliptic chain.

## 2. The $\text{su}(1|1)$ elliptic chain and its solution

The model we shall study is the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  version of Inozemtsev's chain (1.2), in which each site is occupied by a spinless particle which can be either a boson or a fermion. Thus the chain's Hamiltonian can be written as

$$H = J \sum_{i < j} h(i - j)(1 - \mathcal{S}_{ij}), \quad (2.1a)$$

where, as before,

$$h(x) = \wp_N(x), \quad (2.1b)$$

and the  $\mathcal{S}_{ij}$  are the standard  $\text{su}(1|1)$  permutation operators. More precisely, if we denote by  $|0\rangle$  and  $|1\rangle$  respectively the boson and the fermion states, the standard basis of the chain's Hilbert space consists of the  $2^N$  product states

$$|s_1\rangle \otimes \cdots \otimes |s_N\rangle \equiv |s_1, \dots, s_N\rangle, \quad s_i \in \{0, 1\}.$$

We then have

$$\mathcal{S}_{ij}|s_1, \dots, s_i, \dots, s_j, \dots, s_N\rangle = (-1)^n |s_1, \dots, s_j, \dots, s_i, \dots, s_N\rangle,$$

where  $n = s_i = s_j$  if  $s_i = s_j$ , while  $n$  is equal to the number of fermions occupying the sites  $i + 1, \dots, j - 1$  if  $s_i \neq s_j$ . Equivalently,

$$\mathcal{S}_{ij} = b_i^\dagger b_j^\dagger b_i b_j + f_i^\dagger f_j^\dagger f_i f_j + b_i^\dagger f_j^\dagger f_i b_j + f_i^\dagger b_j^\dagger b_i f_j,$$

where  $b_k^\dagger$  and  $f_k^\dagger$  respectively denote the boson and fermion creation operators acting on the  $k$ -th site. It is important to note that, since each site is occupied by either one boson or one fermion, the chain's Hilbert space is the subspace  $\mathcal{H}$  of the Fock space determined by the constraints

$$b_i^\dagger b_i + f_i^\dagger f_i = 1, \quad i = 1, \dots, N. \quad (2.2)$$

We shall next show that a chain of the form (2.1a) with *arbitrary*  $h$  can be mapped to a system of  $N$  “hopping” (spinless) free fermions. The key idea is to regard the bosonic state  $|0\rangle$  as the vacuum for the fermion. More formally, we define the operators

$$a_i^\dagger \equiv f_i^\dagger b_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, N,$$

and note that they satisfy the canonical anticommutation relations on  $\mathcal{H}$  on account of the constraints (2.2). Indeed, it is immediate to check that  $\{a_i^\dagger, a_j^\dagger\} = \{a_i, a_j\} = 0$ , while

$$\{a_i^\dagger, a_j\} = \{f_i^\dagger, f_j\} b_j^\dagger b_i + f_i^\dagger f_j [b_i, b_j^\dagger] = \delta_{ij} (b_i^\dagger b_i + f_i^\dagger f_i) = \delta_{ij} \quad \text{on } \mathcal{H}.$$

Thus  $a_i^\dagger$  creates a fermion at the site  $i$ . The chain's sites can now be either empty or occupied by a fermion, and the Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  is identified with the *whole* Fock space for the new system of fermions. Our next task is to express the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  permutation operator  $\mathcal{S}_{ij}$  in terms of the fermionic operators  $a_k, a_k^\dagger$ . To this end, note first of all that

$$b_i^\dagger f_j^\dagger f_i b_j + f_i^\dagger b_j^\dagger b_i f_j = a_j^\dagger a_i + a_i^\dagger a_j.$$

On the other hand, using the constraints (2.2) we easily obtain

$$a_i^\dagger a_i = f_i^\dagger f_i b_i b_i^\dagger = f_i^\dagger f_i (1 + b_i^\dagger b_i) = 2f_i^\dagger f_i - (f_i^\dagger f_i)^2 = f_i^\dagger f_i \quad \text{on } \mathcal{H},$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} b_i^\dagger b_j^\dagger b_i b_j + f_i^\dagger f_j^\dagger f_i f_j &= (1 - f_i^\dagger f_i)(1 - f_j^\dagger f_j) - f_i^\dagger f_i f_j^\dagger f_j = 1 - f_i^\dagger f_i - f_j^\dagger f_j \\ &= 1 - a_i^\dagger a_i - a_j^\dagger a_j \quad \text{on } \mathcal{H}. \end{aligned}$$

We thus have

$$\mathcal{S}_{ij} = 1 - a_i^\dagger a_i - a_j^\dagger a_j + a_i^\dagger a_j + a_j^\dagger a_i, \quad (2.3)$$

as first noted by Haldane [4]. Substituting (2.3) into (2.1a) we easily obtain

$$H = J \sum_{i \neq j} h(|i - j|) a_i^\dagger (a_i - a_j), \quad (2.4)$$

which is indeed the Hamiltonian of a system of  $N$  free hopping fermions.

The Weierstrass function  $h(x) = \wp_N(x)$  is even and  $N$ -periodic, i.e.,

$$h(x) = h(-x) = h(x + N), \quad \forall x. \quad (2.5)$$

Hence

$$h(x) = h(N - x), \quad \forall x, \quad (2.6)$$

so that the model (2.1) is translation-invariant. Equivalently, the chain sites can be viewed as  $N$  equidistant points lying on a circle, as in the case of the Haldane–Shastry chain. When the chain (2.1a) is translation-invariant, i.e., when the function  $h$  satisfies (2.6), the diagonal terms in Eq. (2.4) can be considerably simplified. Indeed, in this case the coefficient of  $a_i^\dagger a_i$  is given by

$$\sum_{j:j \neq i} h(|i - j|) = \sum_{l=1}^{i-1} h(l) + \sum_{l=1}^{N-i} h(l) = \sum_{l=1}^{i-1} h(l) + \sum_{l=i}^{N-1} h(N - l) = \sum_{l=1}^{N-1} h(l), \quad (2.7)$$

independently of  $i$ , so that we can write

$$H = -J \sum_{i,j=1}^N h(|i - j|) a_i^\dagger a_j, \quad (2.8)$$

provided that we set

$$h(0) \equiv - \sum_{l=1}^{N-1} h(l). \quad (2.9)$$

Thus a translation-invariant chain (2.1a)-(2.6) is equivalent to a system of  $N$  free hopping fermions lying on a circle, with hopping amplitude between the  $i$ -th and  $j$ -th sites equal to  $h(|i - j|)$ .

When  $h$  satisfies Eq. (2.6), the Hamiltonian (2.8) can be diagonalized by performing the discrete Fourier transform

$$c_l = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k=1}^N e^{-2\pi i k l / N} a_k, \quad l = 0, 1, \dots, N - 1. \quad (2.10)$$

Indeed, first of all it is immediate to check that the operators  $c_l$  satisfy the canonical anticommutation relations, on account of the unitarity of the mapping (2.10); in fact, we shall show below that  $c_l^\dagger$  creates a fermion with momentum  $2\pi l / N \pmod{2\pi}$ . Using the inverse Fourier transform formula

$$a_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{l=0}^{N-1} e^{2\pi i k l / N} c_l, \quad k = 1, \dots, N,$$

in the Hamiltonian (2.8) we obtain

$$H = J \sum_{l,m=0}^{N-1} h_{lm} c_l^\dagger c_m,$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} h_{lm} &= -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{j,k=1}^N h(|k-j|) e^{2\pi i(jm-kl)/N} \\ &= -\frac{1}{N} \left( \sum_{s=0}^{N-1} e^{-2\pi i sl/N} h(s) \sum_{j=1}^{N-s} e^{2\pi i j(m-l)/N} + \sum_{s=1}^{N-1} e^{2\pi i sl/N} h(s) \sum_{j=s+1}^N e^{2\pi i j(m-l)/N} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Performing the change of index  $s \mapsto N-s$  in the last term and using Eq. (2.6) we easily obtain

$$h_{lm} = -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{s=0}^{N-1} e^{-2\pi i sl/N} h(s) \sum_{j=1}^N e^{2\pi i j(m-l)/N} = \delta_{lm} \varepsilon_l,$$

with

$$\varepsilon_l = -\sum_{s=0}^{N-1} e^{-2\pi i sl/N} h(s).$$

Thus

$$H = J \sum_{l=0}^{N-1} \varepsilon_l c_l^\dagger c_l, \quad (2.11)$$

is indeed diagonal when written in terms of the Fourier-transformed operators  $c_l$ . The dispersion relation  $\varepsilon_l$  can be further simplified using the definition of  $h(0)$  and Eq. (2.6), namely

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_l &= -h(0) - \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} e^{-2\pi i jl/N} h(j) = \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \left(1 - e^{-2\pi i jl/N}\right) h(j) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \left(1 - e^{2\pi i jl/N}\right) h(j) = \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \left(1 - \cos(2\pi jl/N)\right) h(j). \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

*Remark 1.* From the latter equation it immediately follows that

$$\varepsilon_0 = 0, \quad \varepsilon_l = \varepsilon_{N-l}.$$

By the first of these identities and Eq. (2.11), the degeneracy of each energy level is even, as required by the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  symmetry.

*Remark 2.* Another immediate consequence of Eq. (2.11) is the complete integrability of the model (2.1a)-(2.6), since the number operators  $c_l^\dagger c_l$  ( $l = 0, \dots, N-1$ ) are a commuting family of first integrals.

*Remark 3.* Consider the translation operator  $T$ , defined on the basis states by

$$T|s_1, \dots, s_N\rangle = |s_2, \dots, s_N, s_1\rangle.$$

It is easy to check that  $T$  is characterized by the relations

$$T^{-1} a_j T = a_{j+1}, \quad j = 1, \dots, N; \quad T|0\rangle = |0\rangle, \quad (2.13)$$

where  $|0\rangle \equiv |0, \dots, 0\rangle$  denotes the vacuum state. The momentum operator  $P$  is defined (up to integer multiples of  $2\pi$ ) in the usual way:

$$T = e^{iP}.$$

It is immediate to check that when the function  $h$  satisfies Eq. (2.6) the Hamiltonian (2.8) commutes with  $T$ , and hence with  $P$ . We shall next show that  $P$  is also diagonalized by the Fourier transform. Indeed, note first of all that conditions (2.13) are equivalent to

$$T^{-1}c_l T = e^{2\pi i l/N} c_l, \quad l = 0, \dots, N-1.$$

If we make the ansatz

$$P = \sum_{l=0}^{N-1} p_l c_l^\dagger c_l,$$

the latter conditions obviously reduce to

$$c_l \exp(i p_l c_l^\dagger c_l) = e^{2\pi i l/N} \exp(i p_l c_l^\dagger c_l) c_l, \quad l = 0, \dots, N-1.$$

The RHS is clearly equal to

$$e^{2\pi i l/N} c_l,$$

since  $c_l^2 = 0$ . On the other hand, from the identity

$$c_l (c_l^\dagger c_l)^k = c_l, \quad k \in \mathbb{N},$$

it follows that the LHS equals

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(i p_l)^k}{k!} c_l = e^{i p_l} c_l.$$

Hence

$$p_l = \frac{2\pi l}{N} \pmod{2\pi},$$

and the momentum operator  $P$  is explicitly given by

$$P = \frac{2\pi}{N} \sum_{l=0}^{N-1} l c_l^\dagger c_l \pmod{2\pi}$$

(cf. Ref. [29]). Thus the state created by  $c_l^\dagger$  has well-defined energy  $\varepsilon_l$  and momentum  $2\pi l/N \pmod{2\pi}$ , as we had anticipated.

As we have just seen, in order to solve the elliptic chain (2.1) we need to evaluate in closed form the sum in Eq. (2.12) when  $h(x) = \wp_N(x)$ . In fact, the sum  $\sum_{j=1}^N \wp_N(j)$  was computed in Ref. [28], with the result

$$\sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \wp_N(j) = \frac{2}{i\alpha} \left[ \eta_3\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{i\alpha}{2}\right) - N\eta_3\left(\frac{N}{2}, \frac{i\alpha}{2}\right) \right]. \quad (2.14)$$

Here we have used the standard notation

$$\eta_i(\omega_1, \omega_3) \equiv \zeta(\omega_i; \omega_1, \omega_3),$$



where  $\zeta(z; \omega_1, \omega_3)$  denotes the Weierstrass zeta function associated to the lattice  $2m\omega_1 + 2n\omega_3$ , with  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\text{Im}(\omega_3/\omega_1) > 0$  (cf. [19]). It thus suffices to compute the discrete Fourier transform of the Weierstrass function  $\wp_N(x)$ . This can be done using a technique due to Inozemtsev [18, 27], which we shall briefly summarize for the reader's convenience.

For fixed  $l = 1, 2, \dots, N-1$ , we define the function

$$f_l(z) = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} e^{-2\pi i j l / N} \wp_N(z + j).$$

From the periodicity of the Weierstrass elliptic function, it is immediate to check that  $f_l$  satisfies the quasi-periodicity conditions in Eq. (B.1) with

$$2\omega_1 = 1, \quad 2\omega_3 = i\alpha, \quad p = l/N.$$

On the other hand,  $f_l$  is clearly analytic everywhere except at points congruent to the origin, i.e., on the lattice  $m + in\alpha$  ( $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ). In fact, the only term in the sum defining  $f_l$  which is singular at the origin is the one with  $j = 0$ . Since†

$$\wp(z; \omega_1, \omega_3) = \frac{1}{z^2} + O(z^2), \quad (2.15)$$

the Laurent series of  $f_l$  about  $z = 0$  is simply

$$f_l(z) = \frac{1}{z^2} + O(1),$$

and we can therefore apply Eqs. (B.2) and (B.5) with  $\omega_3 = i\alpha/2$  and  $p = l/N$ . We thus have

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \left( f_l(z) - \frac{1}{z^2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \wp_1\left(\frac{i\alpha l}{N}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \left( \zeta_1\left(\frac{i\alpha l}{N}\right) - \frac{2l}{N} \zeta_1\left(\frac{i\alpha}{2}\right) \right)^2, \quad (2.16)$$

where  $\wp_1$  and  $\zeta_1$  are the Weierstrass functions with half-periods  $1/2$  and  $i\alpha/2$ . On the other hand, from the definition of  $f_l$  and Eq. (2.15) we easily obtain

$$f_l(z) = \frac{1}{z^2} + \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} e^{-2\pi i j l / N} \wp_N(j) + O(z).$$

Comparing with Eq. (2.16) we conclude that

$$\sum_{j=1}^{N-1} e^{-2\pi i j l / N} \wp_N(j) = \frac{1}{2} \wp_1\left(\frac{i\alpha l}{N}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \left( \zeta_1\left(\frac{i\alpha l}{N}\right) - \frac{2l}{N} \zeta_1\left(\frac{i\alpha}{2}\right) \right)^2.$$

Combining this formula with Eq. (2.14) we obtain the following explicit expression for the dispersion relation  $\varepsilon_l$  for  $l = 1, \dots, N-1$ :

$$\varepsilon_l = \frac{2}{i\alpha} \left[ \zeta_1\left(\frac{i\alpha}{2}\right) - N\eta_3\left(\frac{N}{2}, \frac{i\alpha}{2}\right) \right] - \frac{1}{2} \left[ \wp_1\left(\frac{i\alpha l}{N}\right) - \left( \zeta_1\left(\frac{i\alpha l}{N}\right) - \frac{2l}{N} \zeta_1\left(\frac{i\alpha}{2}\right) \right)^2 \right] \quad (2.17)$$

(and, of course,  $\varepsilon_0 = 0$ ). This formula can be further simplified with the help of the homogeneity properties of the Weierstrass functions, namely

$$\wp(\lambda z; \lambda\omega_1, \lambda\omega_3) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \wp(z; \omega_1, \omega_3), \quad \zeta(\lambda z; \lambda\omega_1, \lambda\omega_3) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \zeta(z; \omega_1, \omega_3). \quad (2.18)$$

† We shall write  $f(z) = O(g(z))$  for  $z \rightarrow z_0$  if there is a positive constant  $C$  such that  $|f(z)| \leq C|g(z)|$  for  $z$  sufficiently close to  $z_0$ .

Using these formulas with  $\lambda = i\alpha$  we easily arrive at the following closed-form expression for the dispersion relation of the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  elliptic chain (2.1):

$$\varepsilon_l = \frac{1}{2\alpha^2} \left[ \wp(l/N) - \left( \zeta(l/N) - 2\eta_1 \frac{l}{N} \right)^2 + 4(N\hat{\eta}_1 - \eta_1) \right], \quad l = 1, \dots, N-1, \quad (2.19)$$

where from now on

$$\wp(z) \equiv \wp\left(z; \frac{1}{2}, \frac{i}{2\alpha}\right), \quad \zeta(z) \equiv \zeta\left(z; \frac{1}{2}, \frac{i}{2\alpha}\right)$$

shall denote the Weierstrass functions with periods 1 and  $i/\alpha$ , and we have also set

$$\eta_1 \equiv \eta_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{i}{2\alpha}\right), \quad \hat{\eta}_1 \equiv \eta_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{iN}{2\alpha}\right).$$

*Remark 4.* The reader may have noticed that Eq. (2.17) coincides with the dispersion relation of the 1-magnons with momentum  $2\pi l/N \pmod{2\pi}$  of the  $\text{su}(2)$  elliptic chain (1.2) computed in Ref. [18]. In fact, this remarkable relation between the  $\text{su}(2)$  and  $\text{su}(1|1)$  elliptic chains holds for an arbitrary translation-invariant chain of the form (2.1a). This is a further indication of the greater simplicity of the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  models compared to their  $\text{su}(2)$  counterparts.

All the terms in the dispersion relation (2.19) depend on  $N$  through the combination  $l/N$  except for the one involving  $\hat{\eta}_1$ , which can be eliminated through the shift  $h(x) \mapsto h(x) - (2\hat{\eta}_1/\alpha^2)$ . In fact, it is possible to combine this shift with an appropriate rescaling so that the  $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\alpha \rightarrow 0$  limits of the chain (2.1a) exactly coincide with the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  versions of the Haldane–Shastry and Heisenberg chains, i.e., Eqs. (1.1) and (1.4) with  $S_{ij}$  replaced by  $\mathcal{S}_{ij}$ . Indeed, it suffices to take [33]

$$h(x) = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^2 \sinh^2\left(\frac{\pi}{\alpha}\right) \left( \wp_N(x) - \frac{2\hat{\eta}_1}{\alpha^2} \right); \quad (2.20)$$

see Appendix A for the details. For this reason, we shall from now on adopt the normalization (2.20) when referring to the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  elliptic chain (2.1a). By Eq. (2.12), the corresponding dispersion relation is simply<sup>‡</sup>

$$\varepsilon_l = \mathcal{E}(l/N), \quad (2.21a)$$

where

$$\mathcal{E}(p) = \frac{\sinh^2(\pi/\alpha)}{2\pi^2} \left[ \wp(p) - (\zeta(p) - 2\eta_1 p)^2 - 4\eta_1 \right] \quad (2.21b)$$

is independent of  $N$ , and  $p$  is the physical moment in units of  $2\pi$ .

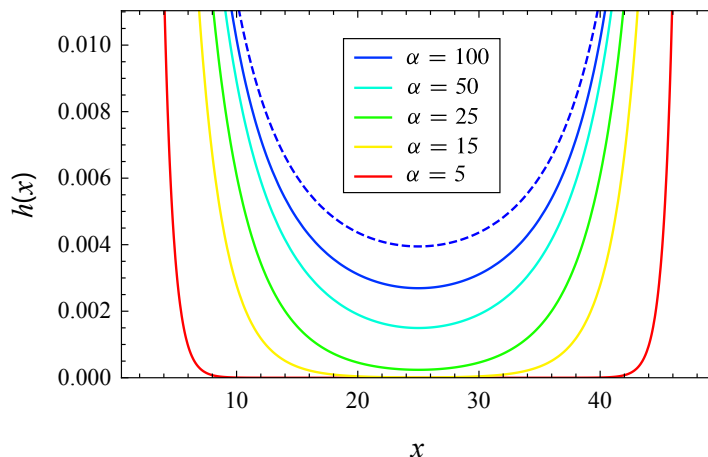
*Remark 5.* It should be noted that the rescaled interaction strength  $h(x)$  in Eq. (2.20) remains positive for  $0 < x < N$ , so that the chain (2.1a)-(2.20) is of ferromagnetic type for  $J > 0$  (cf. Fig. 1). Indeed, the function  $\wp_N(x)$  has an absolute minimum in the interval  $0 < x < N$  at the real half-period  $x = N/2$ , and thus it suffices to show that

$$\wp_N(N/2) - \frac{2\hat{\eta}_1}{\alpha^2} > 0.$$

<sup>‡</sup> It can be easily checked (cf. Eq. (2.25) below) that  $\mathcal{E}(0) \equiv \lim_{p \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{E}(p) = 0$ .

From Eq. (A.1) with  $\omega_1 = i\alpha/2$ ,  $\omega_3 = -N/2$  (so that  $\text{Im}(\omega_3/\omega_1) = N/\alpha > 0$ ) and the homogeneity of the Weierstrass zeta function (cf. the second Eq. (2.18)) we easily obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \wp_N(N/2) - \frac{2\hat{\eta}_1}{\alpha^2} &= \wp_N(N/2) + \frac{2}{i\alpha} \eta_1(i\alpha/2, -N/2) \equiv \wp(\omega_3; \omega_1, \omega_3) + \frac{1}{\omega_1} \eta_1(\omega_1, \omega_3) \\ &= \frac{\pi^2}{\alpha^2} \sinh^{-2}\left(\frac{N\pi}{2\alpha}\right) + \frac{4\pi^2}{\alpha^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n e^{-nN\pi/\alpha} \coth\left(\frac{nN\pi}{\alpha}\right) > 0. \end{aligned}$$



**Figure 1.** (Color online) Interaction strength  $h(x)$  in Eq. (2.20) for  $N = 50$  spins and several values of  $\alpha$  in the range  $[5, 100]$ . The dashed blue line represents the interaction strength  $h(x) = (\pi/50)^2 \sin^{-2}(\pi x/50)$  of the Haldane–Shastry chain with 50 spins ( $\alpha = \infty$ ).

It should be expected (and can, in fact, be analytically proved; see Appendix A for the details) that the  $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\alpha \rightarrow 0$  limits of Eq. (2.21b) respectively yield the dispersion relations of the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  Haldane–Shastry and Heisenberg chains. In fact, the dispersion relation of the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  HS chain was computed in Ref. [5] essentially by the same procedure followed here, with the result

$$\mathcal{E}(p) = 2\pi^2 p(1-p). \quad (2.22)$$

As to the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  Heisenberg chain, note first of all that from Eq. (2.8) with  $h(x) = \delta_{1,x} + \delta_{N-1,x}$  (and thus  $h(0) = -2$ , by Eq. (2.9)) it immediately follows that the Hamiltonian of this model can be expressed as

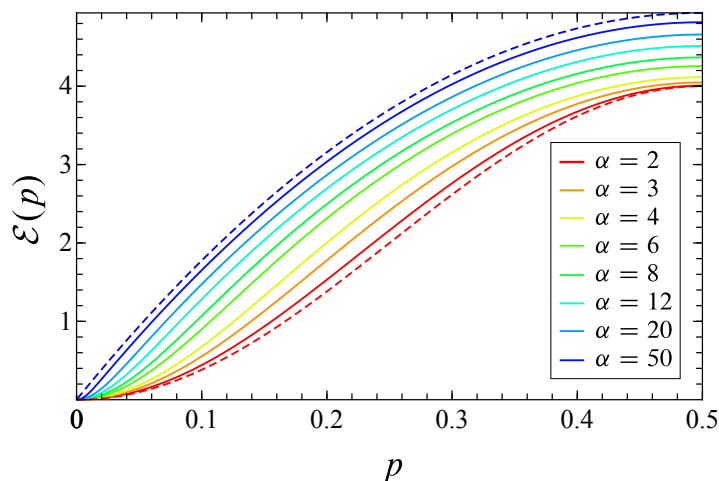
$$H = J \left[ 2 \sum_{i=1}^N a_i^\dagger a_i - \sum_{i=1}^N (a_i^\dagger a_{i+1} + a_{i+1}^\dagger a_i) \right], \quad a_{N+1} \equiv a_1.$$

It is well known [34] that the latter Hamiltonian is transformed by the standard Jordan–Wigner transformation

$$a_k = \sigma_1^z \cdots \sigma_{k-1}^z \cdot \frac{1}{2} (\sigma_k^x - i\sigma_k^y), \quad k = 1, \dots, N,$$

into the XX model (at a critical value of the magnetic field)

$$H = J \left[ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N (\sigma_i^x \sigma_{i+1}^x + \sigma_i^y \sigma_{i+1}^y) + \sum_{i=1}^N (1 + \sigma_i^z) \right], \quad \sigma_{N+1} \equiv \sigma_1. \quad (2.23)$$



**Figure 2.** (Color online). Solid lines: dispersion relation (2.21b) of the elliptic  $\text{su}(1|1)$  chain (2.1a)-(2.20) for several values of the parameter  $\alpha$  between 2 (bottom) and 50 (top). Dashed lines: dispersion relations of the critical XX model (2.23) (bottom) and the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  Haldane–Shastry chain (top). Only the range  $0 \leq p \leq 1/2$  has been shown, since  $\mathcal{E}(p) = \mathcal{E}(1-p)$  on account of (2.12).

It follows from the previous discussion that the  $\alpha \rightarrow 0$  limit of the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  elliptic chain (2.1a)-(2.20) is equivalent to a critical XX model, a fact that is not obvious at all *a priori*. From Eq. (2.12) with  $h(x) = \delta_{1,x} + \delta_{N-1,x}$ , it is immediate to obtain the well-known dispersion relation of this model

$$\mathcal{E}(p) = 4 \sin^2(\pi p). \quad (2.24)$$

As expected, the dispersion relation (2.21b) varies smoothly between its limits (2.24) and (2.22) as  $\alpha$  ranges from 0 to  $\infty$ ; see, e.g., Fig. 2.

Let us next briefly analyze the low momentum behavior of the dispersion relation (2.21b). To this end, we recall the Laurent series

$$\wp(z) = \frac{1}{z^2} + \frac{g_2}{20} z^2 + \frac{g_3}{28} z^4 + O(z^6), \quad \zeta(z) = \frac{1}{z} - \frac{g_2}{60} z^3 - \frac{g_3}{140} z^5 + O(z^7),$$

where  $g_i \equiv g_i(1/2, i/(2\alpha))$  are the invariants of the Weierstrass function with periods  $(1, i/\alpha)$  (see, e.g., [19]). Expanding Eq. (2.21b) around  $p = 0$  with the help of the previous formulas we readily obtain

$$\mathcal{E}(p) = \frac{p^2}{2m(\alpha)} + O(p^4), \quad (2.25)$$

where the effective mass  $m(\alpha)$  is given by

$$m(\alpha) = \frac{12\pi^2}{(g_2 - 48\eta_1^2) \sinh^2(\pi/\alpha)}.$$

As  $\mathcal{E}(p) = \mathcal{E}(1-p)$ , a similar formula is valid around  $p = 1$ , with  $p$  replaced by  $1-p$ . In particular, since the low-energy dispersion relation is not linear in the momentum, the low energy excitations cannot be described by an effective two-dimensional conformal

field theory. By contrast, it is well known that the low energy excitations of the  $\text{su}(m|1)$ -supersymmetric Haldane–Shastry spin chain coincide with the spectrum of a conformal field theory of  $m$  non-interacting Dirac fermions with only positive energies [29].

### 3. Thermodynamics

#### 3.1. Thermodynamic functions

Using the dispersion relation (2.21b), it is straightforward to evaluate the free energy per site

$$f(T) = -\frac{1}{\beta} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \mathcal{Z}_N}{N},$$

where  $\mathcal{Z}_N$  is the partition function for  $N$  spins. Indeed, since the model in momentum space is equivalent to a system of  $N$  free fermions with energies  $\varepsilon_l = J\mathcal{E}(l/N)$ , the partition function is given by

$$\mathcal{Z}_N = \prod_{l=0}^{N-1} (1 + e^{-J\beta\mathcal{E}(l/N)}), \quad (3.1)$$

and therefore

$$f(T) = -\frac{1}{\beta} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{l=0}^{N-1} \frac{1}{N} \log(1 + e^{-J\beta\mathcal{E}(l/N)}) = -\frac{1}{\beta} \int_0^1 \log(1 + e^{-J\beta\mathcal{E}(p)}) dp.$$

Using this explicit formula it is immediate to compute in closed form the remaining thermodynamic functions, i.e., the energy, the specific heat, and the entropy (per site), respectively given by

$$u = \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} (\beta f), \quad c = \frac{\partial u}{\partial T}, \quad s = \frac{1}{T} (u - f).$$

Introducing the dimensionless temperature  $\tau \equiv 1/(|J|\beta)$  we easily obtain:

$$\frac{1}{|J|} (f - u_0) = -\tau \int_0^1 \log(1 + e^{-\mathcal{E}(p)/\tau}) dp \quad (3.2a)$$

$$\frac{1}{|J|} (u - u_0) = \int_0^1 \frac{\mathcal{E}(p)}{1 + e^{\mathcal{E}(p)/\tau}} dp \quad (3.2b)$$

$$\frac{c}{k_B} = \frac{1}{4\tau^2} \int_0^1 \mathcal{E}^2(p) \operatorname{sech}^2\left(\frac{\mathcal{E}(p)}{2\tau}\right) dp \quad (3.2c)$$

$$\frac{s}{k_B} = \int_0^1 \varphi\left(\frac{\mathcal{E}(p)}{2\tau}\right) dp, \quad (3.2d)$$

where  $\varphi(x) \equiv \log(2 \cosh x) - x \tanh x$  and

$$u_0 \equiv u(0) = f(0) = \frac{1}{2} (J - |J|) \int_0^1 \mathcal{E}(p) dp.$$

Remarkably, the last integral can be evaluated in closed form, with the result

$$\int_0^1 \mathcal{E}(p) dp = \frac{2}{\pi^2} \sinh^2(\pi/\alpha) \left( \frac{\pi^2}{6} - \eta_1 \right); \quad (3.3)$$

see the next subsection for more details. Likewise, the density of fermions is given by

$$\nu_F = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{l=0}^{N-1} (1 + e^{J\beta\mathcal{E}(l/N)})^{-1} = \int_0^1 \frac{dp}{1 + e^{J\beta\mathcal{E}(p)}},$$

or, in terms of the dimensionless temperature  $\tau$ ,

$$\frac{J}{|J|} (\nu_F - \frac{1}{2}) + \frac{1}{2} = \int_0^1 \frac{dp}{1 + e^{\mathcal{E}(p)/\tau}}.$$

The low temperature behavior of the thermodynamic functions can be readily deduced from the previous formulas. Indeed, performing the change of variables  $x = \mathcal{E}(p)/\tau$  in Eq. (3.2a) we obtain

$$\frac{1}{|J|} (f - u_0) = -2\tau \int_0^{1/2} \log(1 + e^{-\mathcal{E}(p)/\tau}) dp = -2\tau^2 \int_0^{\mathcal{E}(1/2)/\tau} \log(1 + e^{-x}) \frac{dx}{\mathcal{E}'(p)},$$

where we have taken into account the symmetry of  $\mathcal{E}$  under  $p \mapsto 1 - p$ . From Eq. (2.25) it follows that  $p = O(\sqrt{\tau x})$  and

$$\mathcal{E}'(p) = \frac{p}{m(\alpha)} + O(p^3) = \sqrt{\frac{2\tau x}{m(\alpha)}} (1 + O(\tau x)).$$

Hence

$$\frac{1}{|J|} (f - u_0) = -\gamma \sqrt{m(\alpha)} \tau^{3/2} + O(\tau^{5/2}), \quad (3.4)$$

where

$$\gamma \equiv \sqrt{2} \int_0^\infty \frac{\log(1 + e^{-x})}{\sqrt{x}} dx$$

is a numeric constant which can be readily computed in closed form. Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma &= \sqrt{2} \sum_{k=1}^\infty \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k} \int_0^\infty x^{-1/2} e^{-kx} dx = \sqrt{2} \sum_{k=1}^\infty \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k^{3/2}} \int_0^\infty t^{-1/2} e^{-t} dt \\ &= \sqrt{2\pi} \sum_{k=1}^\infty \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k^{3/2}} \equiv \sqrt{2\pi} \eta(3/2), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\eta(z)$  denotes the Dirichlet's eta function. Using the well-know identity (cf. [35], Eq. (25.2.3))

$$\eta(z) = (1 - 2^{1-z}) \zeta_R(z),$$

where  $\zeta_R$  denotes Riemann's zeta function, we finally obtain

$$\gamma = (\sqrt{2} - 1) \sqrt{\pi} \zeta_R(3/2) \simeq 1.91794.$$

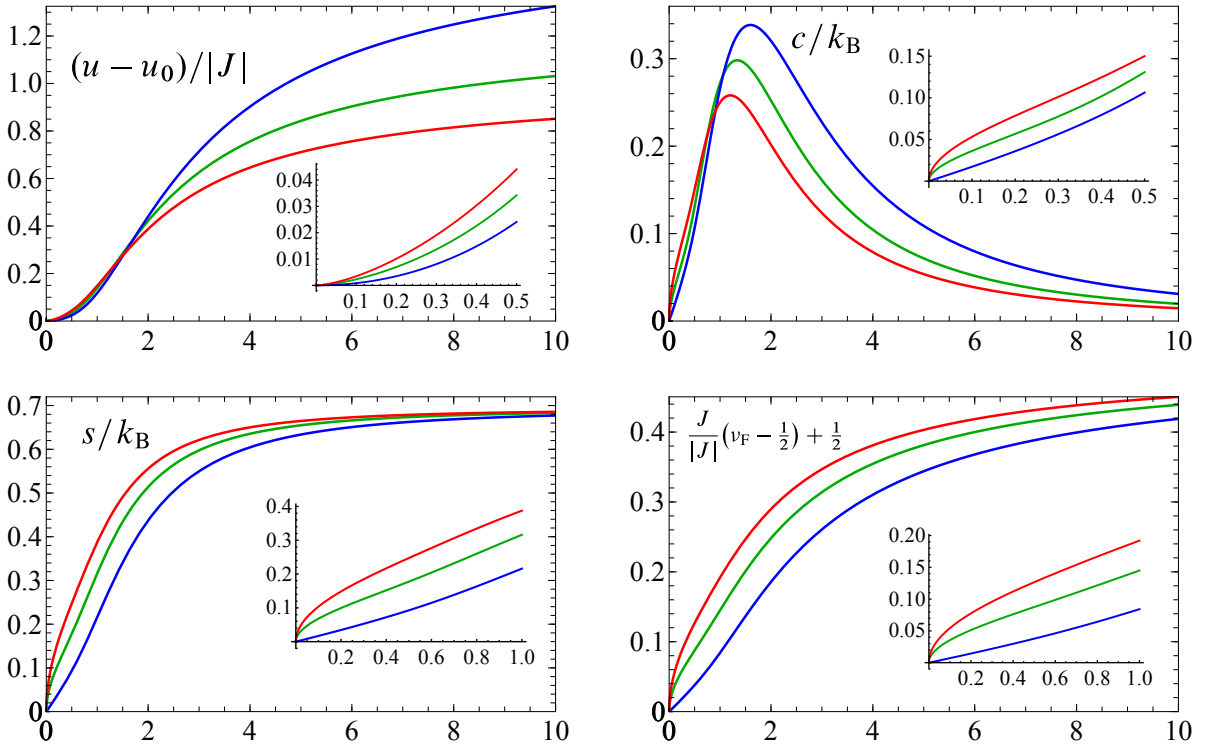
The asymptotic expansions of the remaining thermodynamic functions follow immediately from their definition and Eq. (3.4):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{|J|} (u - u_0) &= \frac{\gamma}{2} \sqrt{m(\alpha)} \tau^{3/2} + O(\tau^{5/2}), \\ \frac{c}{k_B} &= \frac{3\gamma}{4} \sqrt{m(\alpha)} \tau^{1/2} + O(\tau^{3/2}), \\ \frac{s}{k_B} &= \frac{3\gamma}{2} \sqrt{m(\alpha)} \tau^{1/2} + O(\tau^{3/2}). \end{aligned}$$

The low temperature behavior of the density of fermions can be computed in a similar way, with the result

$$\frac{J}{|J|}(\nu_F - \tfrac{1}{2}) + \tfrac{1}{2} = \gamma' \sqrt{m(\alpha)} \tau^{1/2} + O(\tau^{3/2}), \quad \gamma' \equiv \sqrt{\pi} (\sqrt{2} - 2) \zeta_R(\tfrac{1}{2}) \simeq 1.51626.$$

Note that the previous formulas are valid for the limiting case  $\alpha = 0$ , i.e., for the critical  $XX$  model (2.23), whose effective mass is  $m(0) = (8\pi^2)^{-1}$ . Thus, at low temperatures the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  elliptic chain (2.1a)-(2.20) is equivalent to the critical  $XX$  model (2.23) rescaled by the factor  $(8\pi^2 m(\alpha))^{-1}$ . Similarly, replacing  $\mathcal{E}(p)$  in Eqs. (3.2) by its  $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$  limit  $2\pi^2 p(1-p)$ , we obtain the thermodynamic functions of the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  Haldane–Shastry chain. The resulting formulas exactly coincide with those deduced in Ref. [36] for its  $\text{su}(2)$  counterpart. Thus, in the thermodynamic limit the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  and  $\text{su}(2)$  Haldane–Shastry chains are equivalent (though this is certainly not the case for any finite value of  $N$ ). Note, however, that the low temperature behavior of these models [36] markedly differs from that of the elliptic  $\text{su}(1|1)$  chain (cf. Fig. 3), since their dispersion relation is linear near  $p = 0$  and  $p = 1$ .



**Figure 3.** (Color online). Energy, specific heat, entropy (per site) and density of fermions for the elliptic  $\text{su}(1|1)$  chain with  $\alpha = 5$  (green), the critical  $XX$  model (2.23) (red), and the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  Haldane–Shastry chain (blue) as a function of the dimensionless temperature  $\tau = k_B T / |J|$ .

### 3.2. Level density

One of the characteristic properties of the  $\text{su}(m)$  HS chain (and, indeed, of other related spin chains with long-range interactions) is the fact that in the limit  $N \rightarrow \infty$  its level density (normalized to one) approaches a Gaussian distribution with parameters equal to the mean and the standard deviation of the spectrum [31]. By a suitable generalization of the central limit theorem, it was shown in Ref. [30] that this property also holds for systems with a factorizable partition function, i.e., such that

$$\mathcal{Z}_N(T) = \prod_{l=0}^{N-1} \mathcal{Z}_l(T; N), \quad (3.5)$$

provided only that two general conditions are satisfied. The first of these conditions simply states that for sufficiently large  $N$

$$\sigma_l \leqslant C N^{-1/2} \sigma, \quad l = 0, \dots, N-1, \quad (3.6)$$

for some positive constant  $C$  independent of  $N$ . In the latter formula  $\sigma_l$  and  $\sigma$  respectively denote the standard deviation of the spectrum of the  $l$ -th subsystem and of the whole system, obviously related by

$$\sigma^2 = \sum_{l=0}^{N-1} \sigma_l^2.$$

The second condition, which is of a rather more technical nature, is automatically satisfied when each  $\mathcal{Z}_l$  is the partition function of a two-level system [30]. By Eq. (3.1), this is exactly what happens for the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  elliptic chain (2.1a)-(2.20), since in this case (3.5) holds with

$$\mathcal{Z}_l = 1 + e^{-\beta \mathcal{E}(l/N)}.$$

(For simplicity, in the latter formula and for the rest of this section we have set  $J = 1$ .) Moreover, from the latter equation we obviously have  $\sigma_l = \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{E}(l/N)$ , so that condition (3.6) reduces to

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \mathcal{E}(k/N)^2 \geqslant C' \mathcal{E}(l/N)^2, \quad l = 0, \dots, N-1, \quad (3.7)$$

for some positive constant  $C'$ . These inequalities are clearly satisfied for  $N$  large enough. Indeed, on the one hand we have

$$\mathcal{E}(l/N) \leqslant \mathcal{E}_{\max}, \quad l = 0, \dots, N-1,$$

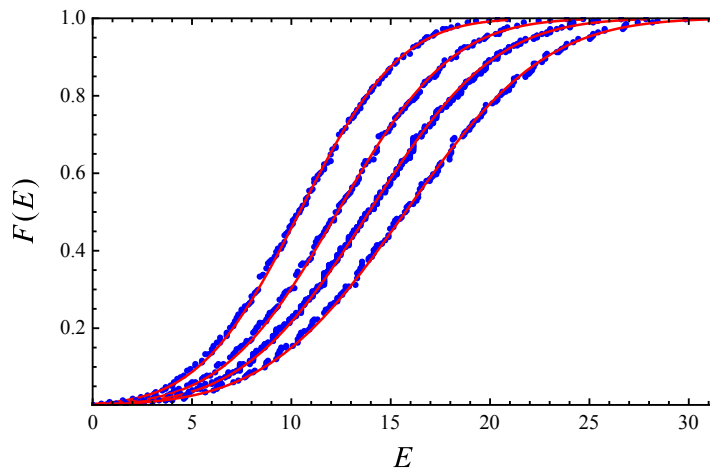
where  $\mathcal{E}_{\max}$  is the maximum of  $\mathcal{E}(p)$  in the compact interval  $[0, 1]$ , which is of course independent of  $N$ . (It can be shown that  $\mathcal{E}_{\max} = \mathcal{E}(1/2)$ , although this result is irrelevant for what follows.) On the other hand, since the LHS of Eq. (3.7) tends to  $\int_0^1 \mathcal{E}^2(p) dp$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ , there exists a natural number  $N_0$  such that

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \mathcal{E}(k/N)^2 \geqslant \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \mathcal{E}^2(p) dp, \quad N \geqslant N_0.$$



Thus condition (3.7) is satisfied for  $N \geq N_0$  taking

$$C' = \frac{1}{2\mathcal{E}_{\max}^2} \int_0^1 \mathcal{E}^2(p) dp.$$



**Figure 4.** Blue dots: cumulative level density (3.8) of the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  elliptic chain for  $N = 10$  and  $\alpha = 2, 5, 10, 50$  (left to right). Continuous red lines: corresponding cumulative Gaussian distributions (3.9) with parameters  $\mu(\alpha)$  and  $\sigma(\alpha)$  taken from the spectrum.

This proves that the level density of the elliptic  $\text{su}(1|1)$  chain becomes asymptotically Gaussian as the number of spins tends to infinity. In particular, this holds in the limiting cases  $\alpha = 0$  and  $\alpha = \infty$ , i.e., for the critical  $XX$  model (2.23) and the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  Haldane–Shastry chain (1.1). In order to better illustrate this property, it is convenient to consider the (normalized) cumulative level density

$$F(E) = 2^{-N} \sum_{i: E_i \leq E} d_i, \quad (3.8)$$

where  $E_1 < \dots < E_n$  are the distinct eigenvalues and  $d_1, \dots, d_n$  their respective degeneracies. In Fig. 4 we have compared  $F(E)$  for  $N = 10$  and several values of  $\alpha$  with the corresponding cumulative Gaussian distribution

$$G(E) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + \text{erf} \left( \frac{E - \mu(\alpha)}{\sqrt{2} \sigma(\alpha)} \right) \right], \quad (3.9)$$

where  $\mu(\alpha)$  and  $\sigma(\alpha)$  respectively denote the mean and the standard deviation of the spectrum. It is apparent that, in spite of the relatively small value of  $N$ , the agreement between the exact and the approximate cumulative distributions is remarkable (in fact, for  $N \gtrsim 15$  both distributions are virtually indistinguishable).

In view of the previous discussion, it is of interest to compute in closed form the mean and the standard deviation of the spectrum of the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  elliptic chain (2.1a)–(2.20). In the first place, the mean energy  $\mu$  of any translation-invariant chain of the form (2.1a) is easily calculated from Eq. (2.8), taking into account that

$$\text{tr}(a_i^\dagger a_j) = 2^{N-1} \delta_{ij}.$$

Indeed,

$$\mu = \langle H \rangle = 2^{-N} \text{tr} H = -\frac{N}{2} h(0) = \frac{N}{2} \sum_{l=1}^{N-1} h(l).$$

From Eq. (2.14), which can be equivalently rewritten as

$$\sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \wp_N(j) = \frac{2}{\alpha^2} (N\hat{\eta}_1 - \eta_1), \quad (3.10)$$

and Eq. (2.20) we immediately obtain the following explicit formula for the mean energy of the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  elliptic chain (2.1a)-(2.20):

$$\mu = \frac{N}{\pi^2} \sinh^2(\pi/\alpha) (\hat{\eta}_1 - \eta_1). \quad (3.11)$$

The standard deviation of the spectrum of a translation-invariant chain (2.1a)-(2.6) can be computed in much the same way. Indeed, note to begin with that the trace of the product  $a_i^\dagger a_j a_k^\dagger a_l$  vanishes for all  $i, j, k, l$  except in the following three cases:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr}(a_i^\dagger a_i a_i^\dagger a_i) &= \text{tr}(a_i^\dagger a_i) = 2^{N-1} \\ \text{tr}(a_i^\dagger a_i a_j^\dagger a_j) &= 2^{N-2} \quad (i \neq j) \\ \text{tr}(a_i^\dagger a_j a_j^\dagger a_i) &= \text{tr}(a_i^\dagger a_i a_j a_j^\dagger) = \text{tr}(a_i^\dagger a_i) - \text{tr}(a_i^\dagger a_i a_j^\dagger a_j) = 2^{N-1} - 2^{N-2} = 2^{N-2} \quad (i \neq j). \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \langle H^2 \rangle &= 2^{-N} \text{tr}(H^2) = \sum_{i,j,k,l=1}^N h(|i-j|) h(|k-l|) \text{tr}(a_i^\dagger a_j a_k^\dagger a_l) \\ &= \frac{N}{2} h(0)^2 + \frac{1}{4} N(N-1) h(0)^2 + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq N} h(|i-j|)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{4} N(N+1) \left( \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} h(j) \right)^2 + \frac{N}{4} \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} h(j)^2, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used Eq. (2.7) with  $h^2$  in place of  $h$ . We thus obtain

$$\sigma^2 = \langle H^2 \rangle - \mu^2 = \frac{N}{4} \left[ \left( \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} h(j) \right)^2 + \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} h(j)^2 \right].$$

Using Eqs. (2.20) and (3.10), after a long but straightforward computation we arrive at the following formula for the variance of the energy of the elliptic chain (2.1a)-(2.20):

$$\sigma^2 = N \left( \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right)^4 \sinh^4(\pi/\alpha) \left[ \frac{1}{4} \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \wp_N^2(j) + \frac{1}{\alpha^4} (\eta_1^2 - N\hat{\eta}_1^2) \right].$$

The sum in the latter equation was evaluated in Ref. [28], with the result:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \wp_N^2(j) &= \frac{1}{12} \left( N - \frac{6}{5} \right) g_2 \left( \frac{N}{2}, \frac{i\alpha}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{60} g_2 \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{i\alpha}{2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{12\alpha^4} \left[ \left( N - \frac{6}{5} \right) g_2 \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{iN}{2\alpha} \right) + \frac{1}{5} g_2 \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{i}{2\alpha} \right) \right], \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the homogeneity property of the Weierstrass invariant  $g_2$ :

$$g_2(\lambda\omega_1, \lambda\omega_3) = \frac{1}{\lambda^4} g_2(\omega_1, \omega_3).$$

Setting

$$g_2 \equiv g_2\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{i}{2\alpha}\right), \quad \hat{g}_2 \equiv g_2\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{iN}{2\alpha}\right)$$

we finally obtain the following exact formula for the variance of the spectrum of the chain (2.1a)-(2.20):

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{N}{\pi^4} \sinh^4(\pi/\alpha) \left[ \left(N - \frac{6}{5}\right) \frac{\hat{g}_2}{48} + \frac{g_2}{240} + \eta_1^2 - N\hat{\eta}_1^2 \right]. \quad (3.12)$$

To conclude this section, we shall compute the limiting values of  $\mu/N$  and  $\sigma^2/N$  when  $N \rightarrow \infty$ , which respectively coincide with the thermodynamic energy per particle  $u$  and its derivative with respect to  $\beta$  at  $\beta = 0$ . The first of these limits is a straightforward consequence of Eq. (A.2) with  $\omega_1 = 1/2$  and  $q = \exp(-N\pi/\alpha) \rightarrow 0$ :

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mu}{N} = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \sinh^2(\pi/\alpha) \left( \frac{\pi^2}{6} - \eta_1 \right).$$

Equating this expression to the value of  $u$  at  $\beta = 0$  obtained from Eq. (3.2b) with  $J = 1$ , i.e.,

$$u(0) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \mathcal{E}(p) \, dp$$

we immediately obtain Eq. (3.3). When taking into account the definition (2.21b) of  $\mathcal{E}$ , the latter equation becomes the remarkable identity

$$\int_0^1 \left[ \wp(p) - (\zeta(p) - 2\eta_1 p)^2 \right] dp = \frac{2\pi^2}{3}.$$

Similarly, from Eq. (A.2) and the series

$$g_2(\omega_1, \omega_3) = \left( \frac{\pi}{2\omega_1} \right)^4 \left( \frac{4}{3} + 320 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^3 q^{2n}}{1 - q^{2n}} \right), \quad q \equiv \exp(i\pi\omega_3/\omega_1),$$

(cf. [37]) we easily obtain

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sigma^2}{N} = \frac{1}{\pi^4} \sinh^4(\pi/\alpha) \left( \frac{g_2}{240} + \eta_1^2 - \frac{\pi^4}{30} \right).$$

#### 4. The infinite chain

We next consider the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  supersymmetric version of the infinite Inozemtsev chain [18], which we define as

$$H = \frac{J}{2} \sum_{-\infty \leq j \neq k \leq \infty} g(j-k)(1 - \mathcal{I}_{jk}), \quad (4.1a)$$

with

$$g(x) = \left( \frac{\pi}{\alpha} \right)^2 \sinh^{-2}(\pi x/\alpha). \quad (4.1b)$$

This model is closely related to the  $N \rightarrow \infty$  limit of the elliptic chain (2.1a)-(2.20). Indeed, if  $h$  is defined by Eq. (2.20) and  $x \neq 0$  is fixed, from Eqs. (A.4) (with  $\omega_1 = -i\alpha/2$ ,  $\omega_3 = N/2$ ) and (A.2) (with  $\omega_1 = 1/2$ ,  $\omega_3 = iN/(2\alpha)$ ) we easily obtain

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} h(x) = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^2 \sinh^2(\pi/\alpha) g(x).$$

Thus, it should be expected that the infinite chain (4.1a) is related to the thermodynamic limit of the finite elliptic chain (2.1a)-(2.20). In order to substantiate this heuristic observation, consider more generally a translation-invariant chain of the form (4.1a), defined by an arbitrary (smooth) even function  $g$ . Using Eq. (2.3) we can express the Hamiltonian of this chain in terms of fermion creation/annihilation operators  $a_n, a_n^\dagger$  as

$$H = -J \sum_{j,k=-\infty}^{\infty} g(j-k) a_j^\dagger a_k, \quad (4.2)$$

where

$$g(0) \equiv - \sum_{0 \neq l \in \mathbb{Z}} g(l).$$

We next introduce the Fourier-transformed operators

$$c(p) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i n p} a_n,$$

where  $p \in (0, 1)$  is again the physical momentum§ in units of  $2\pi$ . From the identity

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{2\pi i n x} = \delta(x)$$

it easily follows that the operators  $c(p)$  satisfy the canonical anticommutation relations

$$\{c(p), c(q)\} = \{c^\dagger(p), c^\dagger(q)\} = 0, \quad \{c^\dagger(p), c(q)\} = \delta(p - q).$$

Applying the inverse Fourier transform

$$a_n = \int_0^1 e^{2\pi i n p} c(p) dp$$

to the Hamiltonian (4.1) after a straightforward calculation we obtain

$$H = J \int_0^1 \varepsilon(p) c^\dagger(p) c(p) dp,$$

where the dispersion relation  $\varepsilon(p)$  is given by

$$\varepsilon(p) = \sum_{0 \neq j \in \mathbb{Z}} (1 - e^{\pm 2\pi i j p}) g(j) = 2 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} [1 - \cos(2\pi j p)] g(j). \quad (4.3)$$

§ Since the chain is invariant under integer translations, the momentum can be taken to belong to the “Brillouin interval”  $[0, 2\pi)$ .

In particular,  $H$  is completely integrable, since the operators  $c^\dagger(p)c(p)$  are a commuting family of first integrals depending on the continuous parameter  $p \in (0, 1)$ . Alternatively, from the definition of  $c(p)$  it easily follows that the operators

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a_{n+k}^\dagger a_n, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z},$$

form a denumerable family of commuting first integrals.

When  $g$  is the function in Eq. (4.1b), the latter sum can be evaluated using similar techniques as in the finite (elliptic) case. Indeed, consider first the Fourier series

$$\hat{g}(p) \equiv \sum_{0 \neq l \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{-2\pi i l p} g(l), \quad 0 < p < 1.$$

In order to compute  $\hat{g}$ , we introduce the auxiliary function

$$G(z) = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i j p} g(z + j) \quad (4.4)$$

dependent on the parameter  $p \in (0, 1)$ , which clearly satisfies

$$G(z + 1) = e^{2\pi i p} G(z), \quad G(z + i\alpha) = G(z)$$

with  $\exp(2\pi i p) \neq 1$ . Each of the terms in Eq. (4.4) is analytic at the origin except the one with  $j = 0$ , whose Laurent series about the origin is  $g(z) = z^{-2} + O(1)$ . Thus  $G(z) = z^{-2} + O(1)$ , and we can therefore apply Eqs. (B.2) and (B.5) with  $f = G$  and  $2\omega_3 = i\alpha$ . The Fourier series  $\hat{g}(p)$  is now evaluated by computing the constant term in the Laurent series about the origin of  $G(z)$  both directly and using Eq. (B.5). Indeed, since

$$g(z) = \frac{1}{z^2} - \frac{\pi^2}{3\alpha^2} + O(z^2)$$

and the terms with  $j \neq 0$  in Eq. (4.4) are regular at the origin, the Laurent series of  $G$  about the origin is given by

$$G(z) = \frac{1}{z^2} - \frac{\pi^2}{3\alpha^2} + \sum_{0 \neq j \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{-2\pi i j p} g(j) + O(z) \equiv \frac{1}{z^2} + \hat{g}(p) - \frac{\pi^2}{3\alpha^2} + O(z).$$

Comparing with Eq. (B.5) we immediately obtain

$$\hat{g}(p) = \frac{1}{2} \wp_1(i\alpha p) - \frac{1}{2} \left( \zeta_1(i\alpha p) - 2\eta_3 p \right)^2 + \frac{\pi^2}{3\alpha^2}, \quad 0 < p < 1. \quad (4.5)$$

The sum  $\sum_{0 \neq l \in \mathbb{Z}} g(l)$  can now be computed by noting that, since the Fourier series defining  $\hat{g}$  is uniformly convergent for all  $p$  by Weierstrass's test,  $\hat{g}$  is a continuous function of  $p$ . In particular

$$\sum_{0 \neq l \in \mathbb{Z}} g(l) = \lim_{p \rightarrow 0} \hat{g}(p) = \frac{2\eta_3}{i\alpha} + \frac{\pi^2}{3\alpha^2}, \quad (4.6)$$

where the limit has been computed using Eqs. (2.15) and (B.4). Substituting Eqs. (4.5) and (4.6) into Eq. (4.3) we finally obtain

$$\varepsilon(p) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \zeta_1(i\alpha p) - 2\eta_3 p \right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \wp_1(i\alpha p) + \frac{2\eta_3}{i\alpha}, \quad (4.7)$$

or, taking into account the homogeneity property (2.18) of the Weierstrass functions,

$$\varepsilon(p) = \frac{1}{2\alpha^2} [\wp(p) - (\zeta(p) - 2\eta_1 p)^2 - 4\eta_1] \equiv \left( \frac{\pi}{\alpha} \right)^2 \sinh^{-2} \left( \frac{\pi}{\alpha} \right) \mathcal{E}(p),$$

where  $\mathcal{E}(p)$  is the dispersion relation of the (finite) elliptic chain (cf. Eq. (2.21b)). Thus the infinite hyperbolic chain (4.1a) turns out to be equivalent to the thermodynamic limit of the elliptic  $\text{su}(1|1)$  chain (2.1a)-(2.20) (up to a constant factor).

*Remark 6.* The dispersion relation (4.7) of the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  infinite chain (4.1) coincides with the expression for the energy of the 1-magnons with momentum  $2\pi p \pmod{2\pi}$  of its  $\text{su}(2)$  counterpart which can be found in Ref. [27]. This is no coincidence since, as in the finite case, it can be shown that the same is true for any translation-invariant chain of the form (4.1a).

*Remark 7.* The sum (4.6) is of interest in the context of the AdS/CFT conjecture. Indeed, in Ref. [25] it is shown that the perturbative expansion of the (planar, two complex scalar fields) dilation operator of  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  super Yang–Mills theory up to three loops can be obtained from the spectrum of the  $\text{su}(2)$  analog of the infinite hyperbolic chain (4.1a)

$$H = \frac{1}{8} \sum_{-\infty \leq j \neq l \leq \infty} \sinh^{-2}(\kappa(j-l))(1 - S_{jl})$$

provided that the Yang–Mills coupling constant  $\lambda$  is related to the parameter  $\kappa$  by

$$\lambda = 4\pi^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sinh^{-2}(n\kappa)$$

(cf. [25], Eq. (2.10)). Using Eq. (4.6) with  $\alpha = \pi/\kappa$  we easily arrive at the following explicit formula for the coupling constant  $\lambda$ :

$$\lambda = \frac{4\pi^2}{\kappa^2} \left[ \frac{\kappa}{i\pi} \eta_3 \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{i\pi}{2\kappa} \right) + \frac{\kappa^2}{6} \right] = \frac{2\pi^2}{3} - 4\eta_1 \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{i\kappa}{2\pi} \right).$$

From Eqs. (A.2)-(A.3) with  $\omega_1 = 1/2$ ,  $\omega_3 = i\kappa/(2\pi)$  we immediately obtain the expansion

$$\lambda = 16\pi^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n e^{-2n\kappa}}{1 - e^{-2n\kappa}} = 16\pi^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_1(n) e^{-2n\kappa},$$

where  $\sigma_1(n)$  denotes the number-theoretic divisor function

$$\sigma_1(n) \equiv \sum_{j \text{ divides } n} j.$$

## 5. Conclusions and outlook

We have introduced the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  supersymmetric version of Inozemtsev's elliptic (finite) and hyperbolic (infinite) spin chains, presented a proof of their integrability, and obtained their exact solution. This is rather unexpected, in view of the fact that no rigorous proof of the integrability or complete solution of the apparently simpler  $\text{su}(2)$  version of these models is known. Taking advantage of the explicit knowledge of the spectrum, we have been able to compute in closed form the thermodynamic functions, showing that at low temperatures the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  elliptic chain is essentially equivalent to a critical  $XX$  model. We have also rigorously proved that the spectrum is normally distributed in the thermodynamic limit, as is typically the case with spin chains of Haldane–Shastry type. In fact, these results also apply to the standard  $XX$  model at a critical value of the magnetic field, since this model is obtained from  $\text{su}(1|1)$  elliptic chain when the imaginary period of the interaction strength tends to zero.

Our results suggest several new developments and open problems. In the first place, it would be of interest to determine whether the elliptic  $\text{su}(1|1)$  and  $\text{su}(2)$  chains are equivalent in the thermodynamic limit, as we have shown to be the case for their Haldane–Shastry counterparts. Another natural problem is the extension of the present work to elliptic chains of  $\text{su}(m|n)$  type. Note, in this respect, that in the thermodynamic limit and at low temperature the  $\text{su}(m|1)$  Haldane–Shastry chain is equivalent to a model of  $m$  species of non-interacting fermions, with the same dispersion relation as its  $\text{su}(2)$  and  $\text{su}(1|1)$  versions [29]. A third line of future research opened up by our exact solution of the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  elliptic chain is the study of properties of its spectrum of relevance in the characterization of integrability vs. quantum chaos (nearest-neighbor spacing distribution, spectral noise, etc.), as has been done for spin chains of Haldane–Shastry type (see, e.g., Ref. [6, 32, 38, 39]). Finally, another potential application of our results is the computation of the entanglement entropy of the ground state of the elliptic chain (2.1a)–(2.20), using the method outlined in Ref. [40] for the  $XX$  model in a constant magnetic field.

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## Appendix A. Evaluation of some limits involving the Weierstrass elliptic function

Our starting point shall be the two trigonometric series

$$\wp(z; \omega_1, \omega_3) = -\frac{\eta_1(\omega_1, \omega_3)}{\omega_1} + \frac{\pi^2}{4\omega_1^2} \sin^{-2}\left(\frac{\pi z}{2\omega_1}\right) - \frac{2\pi^2}{\omega_1^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{nq^{2n}}{1-q^{2n}} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi z}{\omega_1}\right) \quad (\text{A.1})$$

$$\eta_1(\omega_1, \omega_3) = \frac{\pi^2}{12\omega_1} - \frac{2\pi^2}{\omega_1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{q^{2n}}{(1-q^{2n})^2}, \quad (\text{A.2})$$

where

$$q \equiv e^{i\pi\omega_3/\omega_1},$$

$|\operatorname{Im}(z/\omega_1)| < 2\operatorname{Im}(\omega_3/\omega_1)$ , and  $z \neq m\omega_1 + n\omega_3$  for all  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  (see [35], Eqs. (23.8.1)-(23.8.5)). Both series can be combined by noting that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{q^{2n}}{(1-q^{2n})^2} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m q^{2mn} = \sum_{m,n=1}^{\infty} n q^{2mn} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} q^{2mn} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{nq^{2n}}{1-q^{2n}}, \quad (\text{A.3})$$

where all the rearrangements are justified by the absolute convergence of the double series (note that  $|q| < 1$  on account of the condition  $\operatorname{Im}(\omega_3/\omega_1) > 0$ ). Inserting (A.2) into (A.1) we thus obtain

$$\wp(z; \omega_1, \omega_3) = \frac{\pi^2}{\omega_1^2} \left[ -\frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{4} \sin^{-2}\left(\frac{\pi z}{2\omega_1}\right) + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{nq^{2n}}{1-q^{2n}} \sin^2\left(\frac{n\pi z}{2\omega_1}\right) \right]. \quad (\text{A.4})$$

Equation (1.3) immediately follows by taking  $\omega_1 = N/2$ ,  $\omega_3 = i\alpha/2$  and letting  $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$ , i.e.,  $q = \exp(-\pi\alpha/N) \rightarrow 0$ . In order to examine the behavior of  $\wp_N(x)$  as  $\alpha \rightarrow 0$ , we first note that

$$\wp_N(x) \equiv \wp\left(x; \frac{N}{2}, \frac{i\alpha}{2}\right) = \wp\left(x; -\frac{i\alpha}{2}, \frac{N}{2}\right).$$

If  $1 \leq x \leq N-1$ , from Eq. (A.4) with  $\omega_1 = -i\alpha/2$ ,  $\omega_3 = N/2$ , and thus  $q = \exp(-N\pi/\alpha) \rightarrow 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} e^{2\pi/\alpha} \left( \frac{\alpha^2}{4\pi^2} \wp_N(x) - \frac{1}{12} \right) &= \frac{q^{2(x-1)/N}}{(1-q^{2x/N})^2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{nq^{2[n(N-x)-1]/N} (1-q^{2nx/N})^2}{1-q^{2n}} \\ &\xrightarrow{q \rightarrow 0} \delta_{1,x} + \delta_{N-1,x}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.5})$$

We shall next prove that the Hamiltonian (2.1a)-(2.20) smoothly interpolates between the Heisenberg and the Haldane-Shastry Hamiltonians as the parameter  $\alpha$  ranges from zero to infinity. In other words, if  $h(x)$  denotes the function defined by Eq. (2.20) we shall show that

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} h(x) = \delta_{1,x} + \delta_{N-1,x}, \quad \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} h(x) = \frac{\pi^2}{N^2} \sin^{-2}\left(\frac{\pi x}{N}\right),$$

where in the former limit  $1 \leq x \leq N-1$ . Consider, to begin with, the limit  $\alpha \rightarrow 0$ . From Eq. (A.2) with  $\omega_1 = 1/2$ ,  $\omega_3 = iN/(2\alpha)$  and, therefore,  $q = \exp(-N\pi/\alpha) \rightarrow 0$  we have

$$\hat{\eta}_1 \equiv \eta_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{iN}{2\alpha}\right) = \frac{\pi^2}{6} + O(e^{-2N\pi/\alpha}).$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} h(x) &= \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^2 \sinh^2(\pi/\alpha) \left( \wp_N(x) - \frac{\pi^2}{3\alpha^2} \right) + O(e^{-2\pi(N-1)/\alpha}) \\ &= (1 - e^{-2\pi/\alpha})^2 \cdot e^{2\pi/\alpha} \left( \frac{\alpha^2}{4\pi^2} \wp_N(x) - \frac{1}{12} \right) + O(e^{-2\pi(N-1)/\alpha}), \end{aligned}$$

which indeed tends to  $\delta_{1,x} + \delta_{N-1,x}$  for  $1 \leq x \leq N-1$  as  $\alpha \rightarrow 0$  on account of Eq. (A.5).



Consider now the  $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$  limit. From the homogeneity property of the Weierstrass zeta function (see Eq. (2.18)) we have

$$\hat{\eta}_1 = \frac{i\alpha}{N} \eta_3\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{i\alpha}{2N}\right) = \frac{\alpha}{N} \left[ \pi - \frac{\alpha}{N} \eta_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{i\alpha}{2N}\right) \right],$$

where in the last step we have used Legendre's relation (cf. [35], Eq. (23.2.14))

$$\omega_3 \eta_1(\omega_1, \omega_3) - \omega_1 \eta_3(\omega_1, \omega_3) = \frac{i\pi}{2}. \quad (\text{A.6})$$

From the series (A.2) we easily obtain

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} \eta_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{i\alpha}{2N}\right) = \frac{\pi^2}{6},$$

and therefore

$$h(x) = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^2 \sinh^2(\pi/\alpha) \left( \wp_N(x) + \frac{2}{N^2} \eta_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{i\alpha}{2N}\right) - \frac{2\pi}{N\alpha} \right) \xrightarrow{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi^2}{N^2} \sin^{-2}\left(\frac{\pi x}{N}\right)$$

on account of Eq. (1.3).

We shall finally prove that the dispersion relation (2.21b) of the elliptic  $\text{su}(1|1)$  chain (2.1a)-(2.20) does tend to the dispersion relations of the critical XX model (2.23) and the  $\text{su}(1|1)$  Haldane-Shastry chain (1.1) respectively as  $\alpha \rightarrow 0$  and  $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$ . In other words, we shall show that

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{E}(p) = 4 \sin^2(\pi p), \quad \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{E}(p) = 2\pi^2 p(1-p)$$

(cf. Eqs. (2.22)-(2.24)). Consider, to begin with, the former of these limits. Using Eqs. (A.2)-(A.4) with  $\omega_1 = 1/2$ ,  $\omega_3 = i\alpha/2$  and, hence,  $q = \exp(-\pi/\alpha) \rightarrow 0$  we readily obtain

$$\wp(p) - 4\eta_1 = \pi^2 \cot^2(\pi p) + 16\pi^2 e^{-2\pi/\alpha} (1 + \sin^2(\pi p)) + O(e^{-4\pi/\alpha}).$$

Similarly, from the series

$$\zeta(z; \omega_1, \omega_3) = \frac{\eta_1(\omega_1, \omega_3)}{\omega_1} z + \frac{\pi}{2\omega_1} \cot\left(\frac{\pi z}{2\omega_1}\right) + \frac{2\pi}{\omega_1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{q^{2n}}{1 - q^{2n}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi z}{\omega_1}\right), \quad (\text{A.7})$$

valid for  $|\text{Im}(z/\omega_1)| < 2 \text{Im}(\omega_3/\omega_1)$  and  $z \neq m\omega_1 + n\omega_3$  for all  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  (cf [35], Eq. (23.8.2)) we have

$$\zeta(p) - 2\eta_1 p = \pi \cot(\pi p) + 4\pi e^{-2\pi/\alpha} \sin(2\pi p) + O(e^{-4\pi/\alpha}).$$

Hence

$$\wp(p) - (\zeta(p) - 2\eta_1 p)^2 - 4\eta_1 = 32\pi^2 e^{-2\pi/\alpha} \sin^2(\pi p) + O(e^{-4\pi/\alpha}),$$

and multiplying by the factor  $\sinh^2(\pi/\alpha)/(2\pi^2)$  we easily obtain

$$\mathcal{E}(p) = 4 \sin^2(\pi p) + O(e^{-2\pi/\alpha}) \xrightarrow{\alpha \rightarrow 0} 4 \sin^2(\pi p). \quad (\text{A.8})$$

Consider, finally, the  $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$  limit. Using the homogeneity relations (2.18) we can write

$$\mathcal{E}(p) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^2 \sinh^2(\pi/\alpha) \left[ \left( \zeta_1(i\alpha p) - 2\eta_3\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{i\alpha}{2}\right)p \right)^2 - \wp_1(i\alpha p) + \frac{4}{i\alpha} \eta_3\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{i\alpha}{2}\right) \right], \quad (\text{A.9})$$

where  $\wp_1$  and  $\zeta_1$  denote the Weierstrass functions with periods 1 and  $i\alpha$ . From Eqs. (A.2), (A.4) and (A.7) with  $\omega_1 = 1/2$ ,  $\omega_3 = i\alpha/2$ , so that  $q = \exp(-\pi\alpha) \rightarrow 0$ , and the Legendre relation (A.6), we now obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\wp_1(i\alpha p) &= -\frac{\pi^2}{3} + O(e^{-2\pi\alpha \min(p, 1-p)}), \\ \zeta_1(i\alpha p) - 2\eta_3\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{i\alpha}{2}\right)p &= 2\pi i p - i\pi \coth(\pi\alpha p) + O(e^{-2\pi\alpha(1-p)}) \\ &= \pi i(2p - 1) + O(e^{-2\pi\alpha \min(p, 1-p)}) \\ \frac{4}{i\alpha} \eta_3\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{i\alpha}{2}\right) &= 4\eta_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{i\alpha}{2}\right) - \frac{4\pi}{\alpha} = \frac{2\pi^2}{3} + O(\alpha^{-1}).\end{aligned}$$

These asymptotic relations and Eq. (A.9) immediately lead to

$$\mathcal{E}(p) = \frac{\pi^2}{2}[1 - (2p - 1)^2] + O(\alpha^{-1}) = 2\pi^2 p(1 - p) + O(\alpha^{-1}) \xrightarrow{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} 2\pi^2 p(1 - p), \quad (\text{A.10})$$

as claimed. Note that the convergence of  $\mathcal{E}(p)$  to the Haldane–Shastry dispersion relation (2.22) as  $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$  is much slower than its convergence to the XX dispersion relation (2.24) as  $\alpha \rightarrow 0$ , as can be seen from Eqs. (A.8)–(A.10) (and is also apparent from Fig. 2).

## Appendix B. Quasi-periodic functions

In this section we derive several key results on quasi-periodic functions needed for the explicit evaluation of the dispersion relation of the elliptic chain (2.1a)–(2.20) and its infinite (hyperbolic) counterpart (4.1a)–(4.1b).

By definition, a function  $f(z)$  is (strictly) quasi-periodic with half-periods  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_3$  provided that

$$f(z + 2\omega_1) = e^{2\pi i p} f(z), \quad f(z + 2\omega_3) = f(z), \quad (\text{B.1})$$

where  $p \notin \mathbb{Z}$  is a real constant. Since the periods are assumed to be independent, i.e.,  $\text{Im}(\omega_3/\omega_1) \neq 0$ , from now on we shall suppose without loss of generality that  $\text{Im}(\omega_3/\omega_1) > 0$ . One of the most basic results about quasi-periodic functions is the following immediate consequence of Liouville’s theorem in analytic function theory: *if a quasi-periodic function  $f$  is analytic in the closed period parallelogram*

$$\pi_{\omega_1, \omega_3} = \{2x\omega_1 + 2y\omega_3 \mid 0 \leq x, y \leq 1\},$$

*then it is identically zero.* Indeed, by the analyticity hypothesis  $f$  is bounded in the compact set  $\pi_{\omega_1, \omega_3}$ . The quasi-periodicity conditions then imply that  $f$  is entire and bounded, since for every  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  we can always find two integers  $m, n$  such that  $z - 2m\omega_1 - 2n\omega_3 = z_0 \in \pi_{\omega_1, \omega_3}$ , and hence

$$|f(z)| = |e^{2\pi i m p} f(z_0)| = |f(z_0)|.$$

By Liouville’s theorem,  $f$  reduces to a constant  $c$ , which must vanish on account of the conditions  $c = e^{2\pi i p} c$  and  $p \notin \mathbb{Z}$ .

The previous result implies that, just as elliptic (doubly periodic) functions, quasi-periodic functions are essentially determined by their singularities. We shall only need

here a very simple application of this idea, which we shall discuss next. More precisely, suppose that  $f$  is a quasi-periodic function whose only singularities are double poles on the period lattice  $2m\omega_1 + 2n\omega_3$  ( $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ), and whose Laurent series about the origin is

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z^2} + O(1).$$

Let us assume, for simplicity, that  $2\omega_1 = 1$  (otherwise, it suffices to replace  $f(z)$  by  $f(\omega_1 z)$  and  $\omega_3$  by  $\omega_3/\omega_1$  in what follows). We shall then show that

$$f(z) = \frac{\sigma_1(\omega_3 p + z)}{\sigma_1(\omega_3 p - z)} e^{-A(p)z} \left[ \wp_1(z) - \wp_1(\omega_3 p) + B(p) \left( \zeta_1(z) - \zeta_1(z + \omega_3 p) + \zeta_1(2\omega_3 p) - \zeta_1(\omega_3 p) \right) \right], \quad (\text{B.2})$$

with

$$A(p) = 2\eta_3(1/2, \omega_3)p \equiv 2\eta_3 p, \quad B(p) = 2 \left( \eta_3 p - \zeta_1(\omega_3 p) \right). \quad (\text{B.3})$$

Here

$$\wp_1(z) \equiv \wp(z; 1/2, \omega_3), \quad \zeta_1(z) \equiv \zeta(z; 1/2, \omega_3), \quad \sigma_1(z) \equiv \sigma(z; 1/2, \omega_3),$$

where  $\sigma(z; \omega_1, \omega_3)$  denotes the Weierstrass sigma function [19]. Indeed, let us denote by  $f_0$  the RHS of Eq. (B.2). The term in square brackets in  $f_0$  is clearly periodic, with periods 1 and  $2\omega_3$ , due to the identities

$$\zeta(z + 2\omega_i; \omega_1, \omega_3) = \zeta(z; \omega_1, \omega_3) + 2\eta_i(\omega_1, \omega_3).$$

On the other hand, from the relation

$$\sigma(z + 2\omega_i; \omega_1, \omega_3) = -\exp[2\eta_i(\omega_1, \omega_3)(z + \omega_i)] \sigma(z; \omega_1, \omega_3)$$

and Legendre's identity (A.6) it follows that the factor

$$g(z) \equiv \frac{\sigma_1(\omega_3 p + z)}{\sigma_1(\omega_3 p - z)} e^{-A(p)z}$$

satisfies

$$g(z + 1) = e^{2\pi i p} g(z), \quad g(z + 2\omega_3) = g(z).$$

Thus  $f_0$  is quasi-periodic, with the same half-periods as  $f$ . Furthermore,  $f_0$  is analytic on the whole complex plane except on the period lattice. Indeed, the simple zero of  $\sigma_1(\omega_3 p - z)$  at  $\omega_3 p$  (and congruent points) is canceled by the zero of the term in square brackets, while the simple pole of the latter term due to  $\zeta_1(z + \omega_3 p)$  at  $z = -\omega_3 p$  (and points congruent to it) is canceled by the simple zero of  $\sigma_1(z + \omega_3 p)$ . The behavior at the origin of  $f_0$  can be easily determined using the relation

$$\zeta(z; \omega_1, \omega_3) = \frac{\sigma'(z; \omega_1, \omega_3)}{\sigma(z; \omega_1, \omega_3)} = \frac{1}{z} + O(z^3), \quad (\text{B.4})$$

from which it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sigma_1(\omega_3 p + z)}{\sigma_1(\omega_3 p - z)} &= \frac{\sigma_1(\omega_3 p) + \sigma'_1(\omega_3 p)z + O(z^2)}{\sigma_1(\omega_3 p) - \sigma'_1(\omega_3 p)z + O(z^2)} = \frac{1 + \zeta_1(\omega_3 p)z + O(z^2)}{1 - \zeta_1(\omega_3 p)z + O(z^2)} \\ &= 1 + 2\zeta_1(\omega_3 p)z + O(z^2). \end{aligned}$$

Using this identity it is straightforward to derive the principal part of  $f_0$  at the origin, namely

$$f_0(z) = \frac{1}{z^2} + \frac{B(p) - A(p) + 2\zeta_1(\omega_3 p)}{z} + O(1).$$

Since the coefficient of  $1/z$  in the latter series vanishes identically on account of the definitions of  $A(p)$  and  $B(p)$ , both sides of (B.2) have the same principal part at the origin and hence, by quasi-periodicity, at all points congruent to it. Hence the difference  $f - f_0$  is strictly quasi-periodic and entire, and therefore vanishes identically by the basic property of quasi-periodic functions proved at the beginning of this appendix.

The last result needed for the evaluation of the dispersion relations of the elliptic and hyperbolic  $\text{su}(1|1)$  chains is the following explicit formula for the constant term in the Laurent expansion about the origin of the function  $f(z)$  in Eq. (B.2):

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \left( f(z) - \frac{1}{z^2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \wp_1(2\omega_3 p) - \frac{1}{2} \left( \zeta_1(2\omega_3 p) - 2\eta_3 p \right)^2. \quad (\text{B.5})$$

To prove this formula, note that

$$\frac{\sigma_1(\omega_3 p + z)}{\sigma_1(\omega_3 p - z)} = 1 + 2\zeta_1(\omega_3 p)z + 2\zeta_1(\omega_3 p)^2 z^2 + O(z^3),$$

from which it easily follows that

$$e^{-A(p)z} \frac{\sigma_1(\omega_3 p + z)}{\sigma_1(\omega_3 p - z)} = 1 - B(p)z + \frac{1}{2} B(p)^2 z^2 + O(z^3).$$

Using this expansion and the Laurent series about the origin of the term in square brackets in Eq. (B.2), namely

$$\frac{1}{z^2} + \frac{B(p)}{z} + B(p)[\zeta_1(2\omega_3 p) - 2\zeta_1(\omega_3 p)] - \wp_1(\omega_3 p) + O(z),$$

we readily obtain

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z^2} + B(p)[\zeta_1(2\omega_3 p) - 2\zeta_1(\omega_3 p)] - \wp_1(\omega_3 p) - \frac{1}{2} B(p)^2 + O(z).$$

We thus have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \left( f(z) - \frac{1}{z^2} \right) &= B(p) \left( \zeta_1(2\omega_3 p) - 2\zeta_1(\omega_3 p) \right) - \wp_1(\omega_3 p) - \frac{1}{2} B(p)^2 \\ &= 2\zeta_1(2\omega_3 p) \left( \eta_3 p - \zeta_1(\omega_3 p) \right) + 2\zeta_1(\omega_3 p)^2 - 2\eta_3^2 p^2 - \wp_1(\omega_3 p), \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the definition (B.3) of  $B(p)$ . Equation (B.5) now follows straightforwardly from the duplication formulas

$$\wp(z) = -\frac{1}{2} \wp(2z) + \frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{\wp''(z)}{\wp'(z)} \right)^2, \quad \zeta(z) = \frac{1}{2} \zeta(2z) - \frac{1}{4} \frac{\wp''(z)}{\wp'(z)},$$

where  $\wp(z) \equiv \wp(z; \omega_1, \omega_3)$  and similarly  $\zeta(z)$  (see, e.g., [35]).

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